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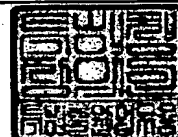
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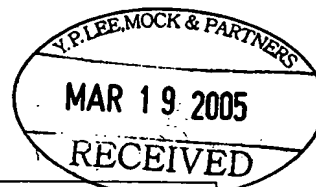


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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)



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1.	This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
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1. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☒ the international application as originally filed
- ☐ the description:
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pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the claims:
pages _____, as originally filed
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- ☐ the drawings:
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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language English which is

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
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3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets _____

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1 - 9	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1 - 9	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 9	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The following documents are referred to in this report:

D1: WO 01/09118 A2 (8 Feb. 2001)

D2: US 4110450 (29 Aug 1978)

1. Novelty

Claims 1-9 of the present invention relate to a method for preparing oltipraz, comprising reacting methyl 2-methyl-3-(pyrazin-2-yl)-3-oxopropionate with phosphorus pentasulfide in the presence of a mixed solvent of toluene and xylene under reflux to produce an oltipraz crude crystal. The said methyl 2-methyl-3-(pyrazin-2-yl)-3-oxopropionate is prepared by a condensation reaction of methyl pyrazine-2-carboxylate and methyl propionate in the presence of a strong base such as potassium-t-butoxide.

Example 7 of D1 discloses a method for preparing oltipraz comprising three steps of reaction schemes, which is very similar to the present invention. However, D1 differs from the present invention in that sodium hydride is used as a base in a condensation reaction of methyl pyrazine-2-carboxylate and methyl propionate.

D2 also discloses a method for preparing oltipraz. However, the early reaction scheme to make methyl 2-methyl-3-(pyrazin-2-yl)-3-oxopropionate in D2 is different from the corresponding reaction scheme in the present invention.

Therefore, claims 1-9 of the present invention are considered to be novel over D1 and D2 [Article 33(2) PCT].

2. Inventive Step

D1 seems to be the closest prior art to the present invention since the reaction schemes of D1 and the present invention are almost same. But, there is an explosion risk of hydrogen produced during the condensation reaction since sodium hydride is used as a base in D1. Furthermore, since sodium hydride dispersed in oil is used in D1, a pretreatment for oil removal is required.

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Supplemental Box

(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

Continuation of:

Box V.

Therefore, the inventive step of claims 1-9 in the present invention can be acknowledged over D1 and D2 [Article 33(3) PCT].

3. Industrial Applicability

The subject-matter of claims 1-9 appears to be industrially applicable [Article 33(4) PCT].